LA County Health Agency Strategic Priority 8: Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

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Why Chronic Disease?

- The 6 leading causes of death are all chronic diseases (heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, COPD, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes)
- Chronic diseases account for approximately 75% of all health care costs
- They are to a large degree preventable—tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor diet alone account for one-third of all deaths
- Investment in chronic disease prevention has had documented success





Trend in Smoking Prevalence Among High School Students, LAUSD, 1997-2013







Why Injury?

Leading Causes of Premature Death* Los Angeles County, 2012

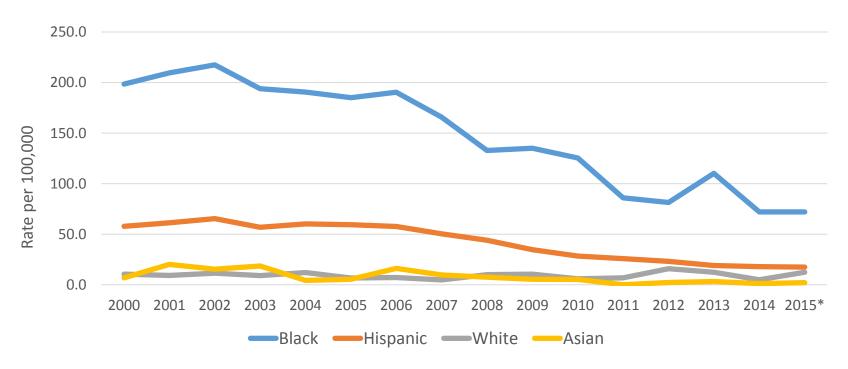
Cause of Death	Years of Life Lost
Coronary heart disease	52,263
Homicide	24,905
Motor vehicle crash	22,895
Liver disease/cirrhosis	20,788
Suicide	20,683
Drug overdose	18,206
Lung cancer	16,858
Diabetes	16,041
Stroke	14,855
Breast cancer	12,843

^{*} Deaths before age 75 years





Homicide Rates Among 15-24 Year Old Males in Los Angeles County, by Race/Ethnicity



Note 1: *2015 rates are preliminary estimates. Homicide numbers are not yet complete for 2015 and are population estimates not available; rates were calculated by doubling the number homicides from Jan-Jun 2015 and dividing by population estimates for 2014.

Note 2: Numbers based on homicides occurring in Los Angeles County while population estimates are based on Los Angeles County residents.

Note 3: For most years, rates for Whites and Asians are based on <20 homicides. These rates may be unstable and should be interpreted cautiously.

Note 4: Data not shown for other racial/ethnic groups, including Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders and American Indian/Alaskan Natives due to small numbers.

Sources: Deaths from Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner/Coroner. 2010-2014 Population Estimates, prepared by Hedderson Demographic Services for Los Angeles County ISD. 2000-2009 Smoothed Population Estimates, prepared by the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, released 7/18/2013.

Workgroup Priorities

- Focus on prevention
- Create safer and healthier community environments
- Improve patient services
- Establish stronger community-clinic linkages
- Improve the health of our patients and our communities ("population health")





Workgroup Goals

- 1. Expand access to the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) and to diabetes and other chronic disease management programs (includes mental health)
- 2. Expand team based care approaches (e.g., use of community health workers and community pharmacists; PCMH model) to improve management of hypertension and other chronic conditions
- 3. Expand access to tobacco cessation services
- 4. Expand programming and policy to reduce youth violence





Early Progress and Next Steps

- Goal 1: Expand access to DPP and to diabetes and other chronic disease management programs
 - Funding support from the CDC
 - Partnership with the YMCA and other organizations to expand
 DPP
 - Efforts to get MediCal and other health insurers to cover DPP
 - Implementing a chronic disease assessment module on the Office of Women's Health's telephone hotline
 - Reviewing evidence-based chronic disease management programs





Early Progress and Next Steps (cont.)

- Goal 2: Expand team-based care approaches for hypertension and other chronic disease management
 - Funding support from the CDC
 - Partnership with the USC School of Pharmacy and The Wellness
 Center at LAC-USC Medical Center
 - Working with American Heart Association to implement their blood pressure screening protocol and provider education
 - Working with Western University School of Pharmacy to develop and disseminate a CME module on pharmacist medication therapy management in a team care setting





Early Progress and Next Steps (cont.)

- Goal 3: Expand tobacco cessation services
 - Baseline assessment of current tobacco cessation services in DHS, DMH, and DPH
 - Assess 211 cessation resources and develop SPA-specific resource guides
 - Develop training curriculum for our providers
 - Establish an MOU with the California Smoker's Helpline for telephone counseling.
 - Expand team-based care model to include tobacco cessation services





Early Progress and Next Steps (cont.)

- Goal 4: Reduce youth violence
 - Measure B funding support from DHS to DPH
 - Data analysis to identify hotspots
 - Expanding Parks After Dark this coming summer
 - Developing a comprehensive youth violence prevention plan—includes community engagement
 - Planning outreach to the 14 Level 1 and 2 trauma centers to assist in coordinating their trauma prevention efforts





Measureable Outcome Objectives (preliminary)

- Increase the percentage of patients with diabetes that are well controlled (based on HbA1c)
- Increase the percentage of patients with hypertension that are well controlled
- Increase the percentage of patients with prediabetes that participate in DPP and achieve 5-7% weight loss
- Reduce the percentage of patients who smoke
- Reduce the homicide rate and violence-related ED visits and hospitalizations among youth in identified hot spot areas



